

Sleeping Bear Dunes

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National Lakeshore



FREE - RANGER GUIDED HIKES AND PROGRAMS

Fall Special Weekends 2006

Recommended for all programs: Water, insect repellent, sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes

September 8, 15, 22, and 29 - Fridays

7:00 PM Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me! (30 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
In thirty short minutes we'll explore Sleeping Bear Dunes through stories, pictures, limericks, and a few bird songs. Learn some stuff you never knew; have some fun, and then we're through.

September 9, 16, and 23 - Saturdays

1:00 PM Saturdays at the Lakeshore (2 Hours) Visitor Center
Every week is different: Different subject, different walk, different trail, different ranger. What a variety! Ask at the Philip A. Hart Visitor Center in Empire to find out what this week's special will be.

3:00 PM Heroes of the Storm (1/2 Hour)
A reenactment of a turn-of-the-century shipwreck rescue. This program is designed especially for children of all ages and requires some audience participation. See how the National Lakeshore preserves some of its many historic buildings and tells their fascinating stories.
Meet at the Maritime Museum west of Glen Haven Historic Village, off M-109.

7:00 PM Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales (1 Hour) D. H. Day Log Cabin
A hands-on program about some of the animals, birds, and fish that make Sleeping Bear Dunes their home.

7:00 PM Stories of Stars (45 Minutes) Platte River Campground Amphitheater
Let the stars be in all of our futures. Get to know the night sky by learning to use a star chart. (Don't forget bug repellent, flashlights, and blankets). Discussion of locations, legends, and the latest information will begin at the Platte River Campground Amphitheater and will finish in time for sunset.

September 30 - Saturday

1:00 PM Saturdays at the Lakeshore (2 Hours) Visitor Center - National Public Lands Day: Adopt-a-Beach
Celebrate your love for the Great Lakes by helping on a clean-up! Learn more about the Adopt-a-Beach program. Then go with a ranger to one of the beaches in the National Lakeshore and help us make a difference in this treasured resource!

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October 14 and October 21 - Saturdays

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Historic Beach Patrol Hike
Fall was "shipwreck season" on the Great Lakes. Surfmen of the Life-Saving Service set out each night to hike the shoreline in search of ships in distress.
You can relive history as you join National Park Service rangers to recreate a traditional evening beach patrol. Be prepared for all weather (strong winds, rain and hail), dress appropriately, bring a flashlight. To participate in this special event, meet at the Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station.

NOTE: Parking for Platte River Campground programs is in the lot next to the ranger station. Parking for D.H. Day Campground programs is by the log cabin at the rear of the campground. (Both facilities are handicapped accessible.)



Listening Systems are available for the hearing impaired. Call the Visitor Center (326-5135 ext. 328) for reservations.

Some of these and other park visitor services are made possible through the entrance fees charged under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.